

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : George K. Wai et al.

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Title: **PROCESS FOR DIGESTING WOODCHIPS AND DIGESTER ADDITIVES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Although it is not believed any fees are due in connection with this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account #01-2530 for any additional fees due.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

### CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Applicants hereby claim priority to U.S. provisional application serial number 60/221,663 filed on July 27, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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